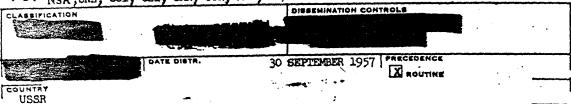
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SOVIET EARTH SATELLITE AND ROCKET DEVELOPMENTS

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FROM SOVIET DELEGATES TO THE WASHINGTON EARTH SATELLITE

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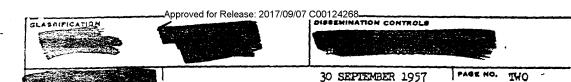
CONFERENCE.

- 1. ACADEMICIAN (II. GEN.) ANATOLIY A. BLAGONRAVOV IS APPARENTLY IN CHARGE OF THE SOVIET EARTH SATELLITE PROGRAM FOR THE SOVIET NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR (IG) COMMITTEE. WHEN QUERIED CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A DIVISION OF FESHONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE EARTH SATELLITE AND THE LAUNCHING VERICLE, SUCH AS EXISTS IN THE UNITED STATES' PROGRAM, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE BOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ACTUAL LAUNCHING, ONE OF THE DELECATES REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE; HE STATED THAT THIS DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY EXISTS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO BLAGONRAVOV, NONE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATES GOING TO THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOVIET LAUNCHING VEHICLE. HE STATED THAT THE LAUNCHING WOULD BE CARRIED OUT "BY ANOTHER GROUP"; AND THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE PLANS OF THIS GROUP. BLAGONRAVOV STATED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL NOT USE THE 108-MEGACYCLE BEACON; BUT WILL USE 20 AND 40 MEGACYCLE PREQUENCIES INSTRAD

SERGEY M. POLOSKOV CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIET EARTH SATELLITE SHALL
AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON BECAUSE THE SATELLITE

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IS STILL UNDERGOING TESTS. COMMENT: POLOSKOV GAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION
THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SATELLITE,
BUT HE IS PROBABLY ENTIRELY FAMILIAR WITH THE DESIGN. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE:
INTERNAL TEMPERATURE PROBLEM, POLOSKOV STATED THAT HE IS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS
IT, AS "IT IS STILL BEING TESTED".

3. ONE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATES STATED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD SUCCEEDED IN FIREIG ROCKETS TO AN ALTITUDE OF ONLY 100 KILOMETERS PRIOR TO THE IGY, BUT THAT THEY HAVE NOW SUCCEEDED IN SUCCESSFUL FIRINGS WITH SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS TO ALTITUDES ABOVE 200 KILOMETERS. INFORMANT SAID THAT THE RESULTS OF THESE FIRINGS. HAD NOT YET BEEN ASSESSED.



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